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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – OAKLAND DIVISION

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11 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE) Case No. C07-04915 (CW)
COMPANY,)
12 Plaintiff,) DECLARATION OF MICHAEL BRISBIN
13 v.) IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF
14) PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE
VINA CUESTA STATUA, INOCENCIO S.) COMPANY'S SECOND REQUEST TO
AMBE, CORAZON AMBE CABALES,) ENTER THE DEFAULT OF DEFENDANT
ESTELA D. REED, and DOES 1-10,) CORAZON AMBE CABALES
15)
16 Defendants.) [F.R.C.P. 55(a)]
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19 TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
20 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – OAKLAND DIVISION:

21 **DECLARATION OF MICHAEL K. BRISBIN**

22 I, Michael Brisbin, state and declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
23 California, as follows:

24 1. I am an attorney at the law firm of WILSON, ELSEY, MOSKOWITZ,
25 EDELMAN & DICKER LLP, attorneys of record for plaintiff PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE
26 COMPANY (“PRINCIPAL LIFE”). I am licensed to practice in all of the Courts in the State of
27 California and was admitted to practice before this Court on November 16, 2001.

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1 2. I am fully competent to make this declaration and I have personal knowledge of
 2 the facts stated herein and if called to testify could and would testify to the following facts.

3 3. On September 21, 2007 I caused Plaintiff PRINCIPAL LIFE to file its
 4 Complaint in Interpleader and for Declaratory Relief against Defendants VINA CUESTA
 5 STATUA, INOCENCIO S. AMBE, CORZAON AMBE CABALES, ESTELA D. REED, and
 6 DOES 1-10. A true and correct copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

7 4. I also caused all other required Court documents to be filed on September 21,
 8 2007.

9 5. On October 4, 2007, I, as counsel for PRINCIPAL LIFE, caused to be served
 10 upon each of the Defendants listed in Paragraph 1, the Complaint, Notice of Lawsuit, Waiver of
 11 Service of Summons, Notice of Assignment, Summons, Notice of Deposit, Notice of Interested
 12 Parties, Clerk's receipt for interpled monies, and all other Court issued documents. The Proof
 13 of Service also filed on October 4, 2007 is attached as **Exhibit B**, as is a letter sent to Defendant
 14 CABALES on October 4, 2007, regarding her obligations.

15 6. After serving the documents listed in paragraph 4 on Defendant CORAZON
 16 CABALES, neither my office nor me received any returned documents due to a wrong address,
 17 documents undeliverable, moved, does not reside here, or for any other reason.

18 7. I caused the documents to be served upon CORAZON CABALES at an address
 19 she provided to PRINCIPAL LIFE on her Beneficiary's Statement. Attached, as **Exhibit C**, is a
 20 true and correct copy of the Beneficiary Statement provided by Defendant CORAZON
 21 CABALES listing her address as 14323 Merced Street, San Leandro, California; the address
 22 listed on the filed Proof of Service.

23 8. On January 11, 2008, I, as counsel for PRINCIPAL LIFE, sought the default of
 24 Defendant CORAZON CABALES. The Court Clerk denied PRINCIPAL LIFE'S first request
 25 because Defendant CORAZON CABALES had not been personally served or served by
 26 publication.

27 9. Following my receipt of the Court's declination, I commenced personal service
 28 of Defendant CORAZON CABALES by retaining a process server to personally serve

1 Defendant CORAZON CABALES. Personal/ Substitute service was accomplished on Sunday,
 2 January 20, 2008. The Proof of Service confirming the same was filed with the Court on
 3 January 28, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Proof of Service is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
 4 **D.**

5 10. Defendant CORAZON CABALES had a minimum of 20 days and a maximum
 6 of 30 days from being served to file an answer or some other responsive pleading. Defendant
 7 CORAZON CABALES has failed to file an answer and it has been more than 30 days since she
 8 was served with the Complaint and all associated Court filed or issued documents.

9 11. Defendant CABALES has failed to file any responsive pleading, or any other
 10 document, by February 20, 2008 or signal any intent to make an appearance at any time during
 11 this litigation.

12 12 As of February 28, 2008 Defendant CABALES has still failed to file a
 13 responsive pleading, seek an extension, request a dismissal, or make an appearance with the
 14 Court, indicating her intent to participate in this litigation.

15 13. Thus, Defendant CABALES has failed to plead or otherwise respond to Plaintiff
 16 PRINCIPAL LIFE'S Complaint filed on September 21, 2007.

17 14. The applicable time limit for Defendant CORAZON CABALES to file a
 18 responsive pleading has expired.

19 15. Defendant CORAZON CABALES is not an infant, as her date of birth is
 20 December 10, 1946 (*See Exhibit C*), she is not incompetent, and not in the military service.

22 Date: February 27, 2008

23 WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN &
 24 DICKER LLP

25 By:

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27 Michael K. Brisbin

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EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

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VINA CUESTA STATUA, INOCENCIO S.
AMBE, CORAZON AMBE CABALES,
ESTELA D. REED, and DOES 1-10.

Defendants.

Case No.

**PLAINTIFF PRINCIPAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY'S COMPLAINT
IN INTERPLEADER FOR
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

VINA CUESTA STATUA, INOCENCIO S.
AMBE, CORAZON AMBE CABALES,
ESTELA D. REED, and DOES 1-10.

Defendants.

Plaintiff, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as "PRINCIPAL LIFE"), by its attorneys, the law firm of WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER, LLP, hereby submits its Complaint in Interpleader and Declaratory Relief as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

25 1. This Interpleader action is brought pursuant to the Federal Interpleader Statute,
26 U.S.C.A. Sections 1335, 1397 and 2361. U.S.C.A. Section 1335 requires subject matter
27 jurisdiction which is satisfied if the stake at issue is worth \$500 or more, and if the citizenship of
28 only one of the claimants is diverse from that of any other claimant (not including the

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1 stakeholder). For the reasons set forth below these requirements are satisfied and the Federal
2 Interpleader Statute is properly invoked.

3 2. The Federal Interpleader Statute requires subject matter jurisdiction through either
4 federal question or diversity. Here, diversity jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. 1335.

5 3. Plaintiff PRINCIPAL LIFE is a citizen of Iowa as a corporation duly organized
6 and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa with its principal place of business located in
7 Des Moines, Iowa. At all times relevant herein, PRINCIPAL LIFE is and was authorized to
8 conduct business throughout the State of California as a life insurer and conducts business in the
9 Northern District of California.

10 4. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that Defendant VINA CUESTA
11 STATUA is the daughter of decedent Natividad A. Cuesta and a resident and citizen of
12 California.

13 5. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that Defendant INOCENCIO S.
14 AMBE is the brother of decedent Natividad A. Cuesta and a resident and citizen of the
15 Philippines.

16 6. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that Defendant CORAZON AMBE
17 CABALES is the cousin of decedent Natividad A. Cuesta and a resident and citizen of
18 California.

19 7. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that Defendant ESTELA D. REED is
20 a cousin of decedent Natividad A. Cuesta and is a resident and citizen of California.

21 8. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes the amount in controversy exceeds
22 \$500.00, as the life insurance policy at issue has an uncontested face value of \$50,000.00, and a
23 net death benefit totaling \$57,433.54 which is due and owing by reason of the death of the
24 insured, Natividad A. Cuesta. Thus, there is subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to U.S.C.A.
25 Section 1335.

26 9. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that according to 28 U.S.C.A. 1397
27 venue is proper in any judicial district in which one of the claimants resides. Therefore, the
28 United States District Court, Northern District is a proper venue because two of the claimants

(ESTELA REED and CORAZON CABALES) reside in Alameda and San Leandro, California, respectively.

3 10. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes that pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A Section
4 2361 provides for substantially expanded personal jurisdiction over the claimants. Thus, the
5 claimants will subject to the District Court's jurisdiction once service is completed.

6 11. PRINCIPAL LIFE is ignorant of the true names and capacities of the Defendants,
7 sued herein as Does 1-10, and for those reasons, sue those Defendants by fictitious names.
8 PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the fictitiously
9 named Defendants claims some right, title or interest in or to the proceeds of the life insurance
10 policy which is the subject of this complaint. When PRINCIPAL LIFE ascertains the true names
11 and capacities of the fictitiously named Defendants, it will amend this Complaint by inserting the
12 same herein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

INTERPLEADER

15 12. PRINCIPAL LIFE re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through
16 11 above as though fully set forth herein.

17 13. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that
18 Natividad A. Cuesta (“insured”, “decedent” or “Cuesta”) was originally insured under an
19 adjustable life insurance policy, number 4346789, issued on December 17, 1993 for \$50,000.00
20 underwritten by PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (“PRINCIPAL LIFE”).

14. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, the
application reads that her original beneficiaries were her daughter Jocelyn Ambe Cuesta, and
brother, INOCENCIO S. AMBE, each to equally share the policy benefits.

24 15. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that on
25 September 10, 1997, decedent Cuesta changed her beneficiary designation to the following:
26 Jocelyn A. Cuesta – Siu, daughter; INOCENCIO AMBE, brother; Vina A. Shrigley, daughter; all
27 to share the life insurance benefit equally. She also named her grand daughter, Deneka Taylor-
28 Siu, as a contingent beneficiary.

1 16. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that on July
 2 1, 1999, decedent Cuesta submitted a further change of beneficiary benefit instructions, changing
 3 her beneficiaries to the following: VINA AMBE CUESTA, daughter 50%; Jocelyn C. Siu,
 4 daughter 25% and Deneka C. Siu, granddaughter 25%.

5 17. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges the
 6 beneficiary designation remained as set forth in paragraph 16 until December 20, 2006 when
 7 decedent Cuesta change the beneficiaries to the following designations: VINA CUESTA
 8 STATUA, daughter, 94%; INOCENCIO AMBE, brother, 3%; and CORAZON CABALES,
 9 cousin, 3%.

10 18. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that on
 11 April 2, 2007 decedent Cuesta allegedly executed a change of beneficiary form again changing
 12 the designations set forth in paragraph 17 to ESTELA D. REED, cousin, 100%.

13 19. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that on
 14 April 8, 2007, decedent Cuesta died from cancer.

15 20. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that
 16 decedent Cuesta was insured under life insurance policy number 4346789 when she died on
 17 April 8, 2007.

18 21. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, it did not
 19 receive a copy of the change in beneficiary form dated April 2, 2007, until May 3, 2007. Said
 20 form was sent to PRINCIPAL LIFE by Senior Agent Eddie M. Biala after he tried to clarify the
 21 designations with decedent Cuesta before her death. Mr. Biala's attempted clarification
 22 emanated from his prior conversation with decedent Cuesta who at the time stated she wanted
 23 her cousin, Estela Reed, and her daughter, Vina Cuesta Statua, to share the life insurance
 24 proceeds.

25 22. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, on May 3,
 26 2007, it received a claim for the life insurance proceeds at issue from Defendant VINA CUESTA
 27 STATUA.

28 23. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, on May 3,
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1 2007, it received a claim for the life insurance proceeds at issue from Defendant CORAZON
2 CABALES.

3 24. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, on May 5,
4 2007 it received a letter from Kenneth E. Mitchell of Mitchell, Courts & Levin LLP, counsel for
5 ESTELA D. REED. The letter stated Defendant REED was submitting a beneficiary's
6 statement, a copy of the certified death certificate, and a copy of the beneficiary change form
7 executed on April 2, 2007.

8 25. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, on May 5,
9 2007, it received a claim for the life insurance proceeds at issue from Defendant ESTELA
10 REED.

11 26. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that, on or
12 after May 5, 2007, Defendant VINA CUESTA STATUA alleged the beneficiary change dated
13 April 2, 2007 was not valid. This contention placed PRINCIPAL LIFE on notice that a serious
14 dispute existed between at least two parties regarding the disbursement of the life insurance
15 proceeds.

16 27. On May 11, 2007, PRINCIPAL LIFE sent to counsel for Defendant REED and
17 counsel for Defendant VINA CUESTA STATUA a letter discussing the competing claims and
18 indicating that if the parties could not settle the dispute surrounding the distribution of the life
19 insurance proceeds from Policy No. 4346789, PRINCIPAL LIFE would move forward with an
20 Interpleader action and seek to recover its costs associated with said action.

21 28. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, on May 29,
22 2007, it received a claim for the life insurance proceeds at issue from Defendant INOCENCIO S.
23 AMBE.

24 29. On June 11, 2007 PRINCIPAL LIFE sent to Defendant INOCENCIO AMBE
25 correspondence regarding his claim for the life insurance proceeds indicating they were still
26 awaiting information from other parties before distributing the monies.

27 30. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes and on that basis alleges, the
28 Defendants have never communicated resolution of the issue surrounding the distribution of life

1 insurance proceeds from policy number 4346789.

2 31. By reason of the decedent's death, the life insurance proceeds under PRINCIPAL
3 LIFE insurance policy number 4346789 are due and owing. At the time of the insured's death,
4 the face amount was Fifty Thousand dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) and the net benefit due is
5 Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty three dollars and Fifty four cents (\$57,433.54).

6 32. PRINCIPAL LIFE at all times mentioned in this Complaint has been, and is
7 ready, willing, and able, to pay the life insurance proceeds under policy number 4346789 to the
8 person or persons legally entitled thereto. However, PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and
9 believes, and on that basis alleges, that there are actual and/or potential conflicting claims
10 relating to the life insurance proceeds.

11 33. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that
12 Defendants and each of them, are persons known to PRINCIPAL LIFE to be, or who may be,
13 asserting some right, title, or interest in or to all of a portion of the proceeds of the life insurance
14 policy which is the subject of this Complaint, and that there may be conflicting potential
15 demands upon PRINCIPAL LIFE, specifically:

16 a. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
17 Defendant VINA CUESTA STATUA, as the daughter of decedent Cuesta, is
18 claiming entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number
19 4346789, as a named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change
20 on April 2, 2007 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been a named
21 primary beneficiary as far back as 1999.

22 b. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
23 Defendant CORAZON AMBE CABALES, as the cousin of decedent Cuesta, is
24 claiming entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number
25 4346789, as a named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change
26 on April 2, 2007 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been a named
27 primary beneficiary since December 2006.

1 c. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
2 Defendant INOCENCIO S. AMBE, as the brother of decedent Cuesta, is claiming
3 entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number 4346789, as a
4 named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change on April 2, 2007
5 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been named a primary
6 beneficiary since 1993.

7 d. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
8 Defendant ESTELA D. REED, cousin to decedent Cuesta, is claiming entitlement
9 to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number 4346789, as the new primary
10 beneficiary which change occurred 6 days before decedent Cuesta died from
11 cancer.

12 34. By reason of the actual and potential conflicting claims to the life insurance
13 proceeds, PRINCIPAL LIFE does not know and cannot determine the person or persons legally
14 entitled to payment.

15 35. PRINCIPAL LIFE is unable to determine with certainty the validity of the
16 conflicting demands that are or may be made by Defendants herein as described above, and
17 cannot determine whom to pay in light of the actual and potential competing claims of the
18 decedent's alleged change in beneficiary on April 2, 2007, prior beneficiary change in December
19 2006, the claim of decedent's daughter, her brother, or her cousins. Additionally, PRINCIPAL
20 LIFE may be exposed to multiple claims or liability should it make payment of any, or all, of the
21 balance of the benefits to an individual not entitled to the benefits.

22 36. PRINCIPAL LIFE claims no interest in the balance of the life insurance proceeds,
23 or any part thereof, other than as a mere stakeholder of those proceeds, and as a result of the
24 actual and potential conflicting, but apparently potentially valid claims of the Defendants, is
25 indifferent as to which Defendant should receive the death benefit proceeds. Accordingly,
26 PRINCIPAL LIFE files this Complaint in good faith and without collusion with any of the
27 parties hereto to resolve all disputes over the life insurance proceeds.

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1 37. Concurrent with the filing of this Complaint PRINCIPAL LIFE has deposited
2 with the Clerk of this Court there to remain until the outcome of this action a check totaling Fifty
3 Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty three dollars and Fifty four cents (\$57,433.54), which
4 represents the net benefit due under life insurance policy number 4346789, and interest since the
5 date of Natividad Cuesta.

6 38. PRINCIPAL LIFE has retained the services of attorneys in California for the
7 purpose of protecting its interests arising out of the Defendants' actual and/or potential
8 conflicting claims, and PRINCIPAL LIFE will be called upon to pay those attorneys for those
9 services that they render in that regard. PRINCIPAL LIFE also will be compelled to incur costs
10 and disbursements in the prosecution of this action. Those attorney's fees, costs and
11 disbursements are and should be a legal charge upon the proceeds of life insurance policy,
12 number 4346789 and should be repaid to PRINCIPAL LIFE out of the funds that it has
13 concurrently deposited with the Clerk of this Court.

14 39. All named and fictitiously named Defendants have potential claims to the life
15 insurance proceeds from policy 4346789.

16 40. PRINCIPAL LIFE cannot determine, without hazard to itself, which Defendants'
17 claim or claims or potential claim or claims are or may be valid. Defendants should be required
18 to assert their respective claims to the life insurance policy proceeds from number 4346789 and
19 litigate these claims among themselves.

20 41. PRINCIPAL LIFE has no other means of protecting itself from the vexation of
21 duplicative claims and therefore is entitled to interplead the life insurance proceeds into this
22 Court, to obtain judgment releasing PRINCIPAL LIFE from further participation in this matter,
23 and for its fees and costs in interpleading the funds.

24 42. PRINCIPAL LIFE is entitled to a permanent injunction against all Defendants
25 enjoining them from instituting or prosecuting any proceeding in any State or United States
26 Court against PRINCIPAL LIFE, arising from life insurance policy number 4346789 or the
27 benefits payable there under, and requiring the Defendants to make any claim they might have
28 with regard thereto in this action.

1 SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

2 DECLARATORY RELIEF

3 43. PRINCIPAL LIFE re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through
4 42 above as though fully set forth herein.

5 44. Actual and potential controversies have arisen and now exist between Defendants
6 and PRINCIPAL LIFE concerning monies payable under life insurance policy number 4346789,
7 specifically as follows:

8 a. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
9 Defendant VINA CUESTA STATUA, as the daughter of decedent Cuesta, is
10 claiming entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number
11 4346789, as a named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change
12 on April 2, 2007 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been a named
13 primary beneficiary as far back as 1999.

14 b. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
15 Defendant CORAZON AMBE CABALES, as the cousin of decedent Cuesta, is
16 claiming entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number
17 4346789, as a named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change
18 on April 2, 2007 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been a named
19 primary beneficiary since December 2006.

20 c. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
21 Defendant INOCENCIO S. AMBE, as the brother of decedent Cuesta, is claiming
22 entitlement to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number 4346789, as a
23 named primary beneficiary before the alleged beneficiary change on April 2, 2007
24 to Defendant ESTELA D. REED, 100%, and had been named a primary
25 beneficiary since 1993.

26 d. PRINCIPAL LIFE is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
27 Defendant ESTELA D. REED, cousin to decedent Cuesta, is claiming entitlement
28 to the proceeds of the life insurance policy, number 4346789, as the new primary

beneficiary which change occurred 6 days before decedent Cuesta died from cancer.

45. By reason of the foregoing, there now exists actual and potential, justiciable controversies among the parties. The Court is vested with the power to declare and adjudicate the rights and legal relationships of the parties to this action with reference to the issues raised by this Complaint.

46. PRINCIPAL LIFE therefore desires a judicial determination of the rights and obligations of each of the parties to this action with respect to life insurance policy number 4346789 in conformity with the allegations set forth herein.

47. A judicial determination is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that each of the parties may ascertain their respective rights and duties as to one another and may conduct themselves accordingly now and in the future.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PRINCIPAL LIFE prays for judgment against all Defendants as follows:

1. That this Court decree that the Complaint is properly filed and that this is a proper cause for Interpleader;

2. That the Clerk of this Court be authorized and directed to accept the funds interplead by this action and to deposit the same into the Court's registry held in an interest bearing account;

3. That Defendants each be compelled to interplead or settle among themselves their respective rights or claims to the proceeds due and payable under life insurance policy number 4346789 by reason of the insured's death;

4. That the Court enter an Order restraining Defendants, and each of them, from instituting or prosecuting any proceeding in any State or United States Court against PRINCIPAL LIFE with respect to the life insurance policy number 4346789 and the proceeds payable there under:

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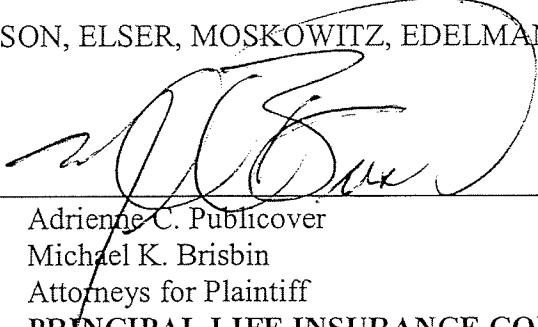
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1 5. That having deposited benefit proceeds from life insurance policy number
2 4346789 with the Clerk of the Court, PRINCIPAL LIFE be discharged from all liability to
3 Defendants, and each of them, in this action or under the life insurance policy number 4346789.

4 6. That PRINCIPAL LIFE be awarded its cost of suit incurred herein, including its
5 reasonable attorney's fees, to be paid out of the funds PRINCIPAL LIFE deposited with the
6 Clerk of the Court; and

7 7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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9 Date: September 21, 2007 WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP

10 By: 

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12 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE) Case No. C07-04915 (JCS)
13 COMPANY,)
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16 VINA CUESTA STATUA, INOCENCIO S.)
17 AMBE, CORAZON AMBE CABALES,)
ESTELA D. REED, and DOES 1-10,)
18 Defendants.)
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I am a citizen of the United States, I am over the age of eighteen years not a party to the within cause; I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California and my business address is 525 Market Street, 17th Floor San Francisco, California 94105.

On this date I served the following document(s):

1. **NOTICE OF LAWSUIT AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS;**
2. **WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS (2 COPIES & SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE);**
3. **PLAINTIFF PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF;**
4. **SUMMONS;**
5. **PLAINTIFF PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS;**
6. **CLERK'S OFFICE RECEIPT OF INTERPLEADER CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$57,433.54 AND RECEIPT FOR THE FILING FEE FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00;**
7. **PLAINTIFF PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES;**
8. **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR TRIAL;**
9. **ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND ADR DEADLINES;**
10. **STANDING ORDER;**
11. **NOTICE OF RULE DISCONTINUING SERVICE BY MAIL;**
12. **STANDING ORDER FOR ALL JUDGES OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CONTENTS OF JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT;**
13. **CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ORDER;**
14. **U.S. DISTRICT COURT GUIDELINES;**
15. **ECF REGISTRATION INFORMATION HANDOUT.**

on the party(ies) identified below, through their attorneys of record, by placing true copies thereof in sealed envelopes addressed as shown below by the following means of service:

1 **XX:** By First Class Mail -- I caused each such envelope, with first class postage thereon fully
2 prepaid, to be deposited in a recognized place of deposit of the U.S. Mail in San Francisco,
3 California, for collection to the office of the addressee following ordinary business practices.

4 ____ : By Personal Service -- I caused each such envelope to be given to a courier messenger who
5 personally delivered each such envelope to the office of the addressee.

6 ____ : By Overnight Courier -- I caused each such envelope to be given to an overnight mail
7 service at San Francisco, California, to be hand delivered to the office of the addressee on the next
8 business day.

9 ____ : Faxsimile -- (Only where permitted. Must consult CCP §1012.5 and California Rules of
10 Court 2001-2011. Also consult FRCP Rule 5(e). Not currently authorized in N.D.CA.)

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25 Oakland, CA 94621
26 *Attorney for Defendant*
27 *ESTELA D. REED*

28 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

29 EXECUTED October 4, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

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32 Joya Yeung

Yeung, Joya

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October 4, 2007

Ms. Corazon Ambe Cabales
14323 Merced Street
San Leandro, CA 94579

Re: Natividad Cuesta
Life Insurance Policy No. 4346789
Our file number 3393.686

Dear Ms. Ambe,

Enclosed please find the documents our office recently filed with the United States District Court, Northern District, on behalf of Principal Life Insurance Company. A proof of service is attached which we recently filed with the Court.

Also enclosed is a Notice of Lawsuit and Waiver of Service of Summons as well as a Waiver of Service of Summons. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allow for service of these documents on you by mail. In fact, Rule 4 requires the participation of parties when service is attempted by mail. If any party does not accept service by mail and Principal Life is forced to serve them personally, then Principal Life is entitled to seek reimbursement of its service costs at the conclusion of this matter. I am hopeful these expenses can be avoided.

Please execute one of the Waivers and return it to me in the self addressed stamped envelope provided for your use. I must receive the waiver no later than November 3, 2007. Upon receipt we will file it with the Court. You will then have 60 days from October 4, 2007 to file a responsive pleading to the Complaint. You may wish to consult with an attorney of your choosing about what is required.

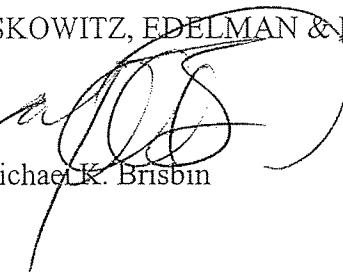
As soon as all parties file a responsive pleading I will send all counsel and/or defendants the entire file so everyone possesses the necessary documents.

To: Ms. Corazon Ambe Cabales
October 4, 2007
Our File No.: 3393.686
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In the meantime, if you have any questions, please consult with an attorney that you choose to retain. We cannot provide any legal advice to you as our office represents Principal Life Insurance Company.

Very truly yours,

WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP


Michael K. Brisbin

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT C



Mailing Address:
711 High Street
P.O. Box 10431
Des Moines, IA 50306-0431

Principal Life
Insurance Company

Beneficiary's
Statement

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A CLAIM FOR LIFE INSURANCE PROCEEDS
(Please read through these instructions before completing the form.)

If you have any questions or need help completing the form, we are glad to assist. Our Toll-Free number is 1-800-331-2213, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. C.S.T.

Claim Requirements:

- ✓ Each beneficiary must complete a separate Beneficiary's Statement (page 3 of this document)
- ✓ Each beneficiary must complete a Settlement Election Statement (page 4 of this document)
- ✓ Each beneficiary must complete Substitute Form W-9 for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number (page 4 of this document). Foreign entities or non-resident aliens should use a Form W-8 for this purpose. A W-8 Form will be provided upon request.
- ✓ One certified death certificate should be returned with the forms listed above, which cannot be returned.

Beneficiary Designations (Note – Please provide information relating only to those boxes checked below, along with the other Claim Requirements listed above.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate – Court issued Letters of Appointment for the Administrator/Executor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trust – Complete and return the enclosed Trust Certification and Release or attach a copy of the entire trust plus any amendments. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor – Court appointment papers naming the guardian or custodian. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation – Current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and Board Resolution authorizing the officer to act and a Certificate of Existence issued by the state. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Children – Enclosed form completed by other than a surviving child. |

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Insured (Deceased) Information

Deceased's Name (Please list all names Insured may have been known by, such as maiden name, nicknames, or aliases)

Natividad Ambe Cuesta

Date of Birth	Date of Death	Cause of Death
June 11, 1946	April 28, 2007	Cancer

Beneficiary Information

Name of Beneficiary	Date of Birth (if applicable)			Phone
Corazon Ambe Cabales	12-10-46			(510) 351-4995
Street Address	City	State	ZIP	US Citizen Other Specify:
14323 Mencia ST	San Leandro	CA	94579	

Mailing address if different than above

Policy Numbers for which you are making a claim

4346789 | | | |

I acknowledge that I am a beneficiary to the above policy and that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. (Signature does not need to be notarized.)

Signature of Beneficiary	Relationship (ie Trustee, Executor, Guardian)	Date
Corzabales	Cousin	04-28-2007

Please complete next page.

Settlement Election Statement

Please Check Your Preferred Form of Settlement

1. Lump sum check sent to me _____
2. Lump sum check sent to my Principal Financial Group Sales Representative (Name) _____
3. Principal Bank Checking Account Free personalized checks will be provided. (This account is FDIC insured, but is not creditor protected.) Note: For further information about the Principal Bank Checking Account, call 1-800-672-3343.

Signature, new account owner _____

If you wish a contingent payee for this checking account (one who will receive the proceeds upon your death) please complete the following:

Beneficiary _____	Relationship to you _____
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Beneficiary's complete address _____

4. **Other Settlement Options** (These options are creditor protected.)

Life Income* 10 Year Fixed Income* Interest Option

*Requires a Current Yield Option Application Form

5. Principal Financial Group has a broad array of products and services to meet your financial needs. For further information contact your Principal Financial Group Sales Representative or call us at 1-800-331-2213.

Substitute W-9

Federal Law requires that you provide this information.

Beneficiary SS# or Tax ID: [REDACTED]-4952

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because:
 - (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or
 - (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or
 - (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
 - (d) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification Instructions: You must cross out item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. If you need further assistance, please contact the IRS.

On this form I certify that the number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number, I have indicated whether or not I am subject to backup withholding and that I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document in order for the notifications required to avoid backup withholding to take effect.

Beneficiary's Signature (Signature does not need to be notarized):

[Signature]

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If claimant is someone other than the beneficiary, please state the relationship to the beneficiary (i.e. Guardian, Executor, Trustee)

EXHIBIT D

For Court Use Only

<i>Attorney or Party without Attorney:</i> WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDLEMAN, ET AL, Bar #169495 525 MARKET STREET 17TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 Telephone No: 415-433-0990 FAX No: 415-434-1370			
		Ref. No. or File No.:	
<i>Attorney for: Plaintiff</i>			
<i>Insert name of Court, and Judicial District and Branch Court:</i> United States District Court, Northern District Of California			
<i>Plaintiff:</i> PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
<i>Defendant:</i> VINA CUESTA STATUA, INOCENCIO S. AMBE, CORAZON AMBE CABALES, ET			
PROOF OF SERVICE SUMMONS	Hearing Date:	Time:	Dept/Div:
			Case Number: C07-04915 (CW)

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.

2. I served copies of the Summons In A Civil Case; Plaintiff Principal Life Insurance Company's Complaint In Interpleader For Declaratory Relief; Notice Of Lawsuit And Request For Waiver Of Service Of Summons; Waiver Of Service Of Summons (2 Copies & Self Addressed Stamped Envelope); Plaintiff Principal Life Insurance Company's Notice Of Deposit Of Interpleader Funds; Clerk's Office Receipt Of Interpleader Check For The Amount Of \$57,433.54 And Receipt For The Filing Fee For The Amount Of \$350.00; Plaintiff Principal Life Insurance Company's Notice Of Interested Parties; Notice Of Assignment Of Case To A United States Magistrate Judge For Trial; Order Setting Initial Case Management Conference And Adr Deadlines; Standing Order; Notice Of Rule Discontinuing Service By Mail; Standing Order For All Judges Of The Northern District Of California, Contents Of Joint Case Management Statement; Case Management Conference Order; U.S. District Court Guidelines; Ecf Registration Information Handout; Proof Of Service (Document 6-Filed 10/4/07); Declination To Proceed Before A Magistrate Judge And Request For Request For Reassignment To A United States District Judge; Case Management Scheduling Order For Reassigned Civil Case

3. a. Party served: CORAZON AMBE CABABLES
b. Person served: JOJO GEROBLES, CO-OCCUPANT
SERVED UNDER F.R.C.P. RULE 4.

4. Address where the party was served: 462 37TH STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94609

5. I served the party:
b. by substituted service. On: Sun., Jan. 20, 2008 at: 12:30PM by leaving the copies with or in the presence of:
JOJO GEROBLES, CO-OCCUPANT
SERVED UNDER F.R.C.P. RULE 4.

(2) (Home)Competent Member of the Household over 18. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
(4) A declaration of mailing is attached.

7. Person Who Served Papers:

a. LAWRENCE HICKS
b. FIRST LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS
301 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST
SANTA ANA, CA 92702
c. (714) 550-1375

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d. The Fee for Service was:
e. I am: (3) registered California process server
(i) Owner
(ii) Registration No.: 956
(iii) County: ALAMEDA

8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and under the laws of the United States Of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: Fri, Jan. 25, 2008

PROOF OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States, I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the within cause. I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California and my business address is 525 Market Street, 17th Floor, San Francisco, California 94105.

On this date I served the following document(s).

PROOF OF SERVICE SUMMONS

on the party(ies) identified below, and/or through their attorneys of record, by placing true copies thereof in sealed envelopes addressed as shown below by the following means of service:

XX: By First Class Mail -- I caused each such envelope, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, to be deposited in a recognized place of deposit of the U.S. Mail in San Francisco, California, for collection to the office of the addressee following ordinary business practices.

 : By Personal Service -- I caused each such envelope to be given to a courier messenger who personally delivered each such envelope to the office of the addressee.

 : By Overnight Courier -- I caused each such envelope to be given to an overnight mail service at San Francisco, California, to be hand delivered to the office of the addressee on the next business day.

Corazon Ambe Cabales
462 37th Street
Oakland, CA 94609

Defendant

Inocencio S. Ambe
907 Paroba Street
Santa Maria, Sta. Ana
2022 Pampanga, Philippines

Defendant

XX: Per order of the Court I caused service to be accomplished on all parties through CM/ECF File and Serve for the Northern District of California:

Marc Joseph Cardinal mjc@devrieslawgroup.com

Montie S. Day Oyad@aol.com

Daniel J. De Vries DJDV@DeVriesLawGroup.com, cbj@devrieslawgroup.com, jma@devrieslawgroup.com

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

EXECUTED January 28, 2008, at San Francisco, California.


Joya Yeung